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> She began to lose her sense of separation from the world around her. She felt a deepening closeness to her new companion, and she began to perceive the world through Ené's eyes—as if they were Siamese twins, sharing not just space but states of mind. In the forest, Ené's face had softened and opened, in the way people's expressions do when they are with someone they love. (From the story)

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